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Title: INK-JET PRINTING RECEIVING SHEET COMPRISING GELATIN  
AND A METAL SALT

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on January 29, 2002. Please consider the following amendments and comments regarding the status of the claims:

IN THE CLAIMS

**A CLEAN COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS IS PROVIDED AT THE END OF THE AMENDMENT in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121**

1. An ink jet receiving sheet comprising a support and at least an ink receiving layer containing a binder selected from the group consisting of gelatin and gelatin derivatives, characterized in that said receiving layer comprises at least a salt of a metal selected from the IIA or IIB groups of the periodic table of elements or complexes which comprise said metal salts and in that said receiving sheet has a surface pH value lower than 5.0.
2. The ink jet receiving sheet according to claim 1, characterized in that said receiving layers totally comprise a gelatin amount ranging from 1 to 20 g/m<sup>2</sup>.
3. The ink jet receiving sheet according to claim 1, characterized in that said metal is selected from the group consisting of calcium, magnesium, zinc and barium.